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SPU Resumes GNAC Play, Faces 1-2 Punch Chivers Continues Doubles; No. 2 'Jacks Visit

Contention in question. The question of whether Seattle Pacific University can contend for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference men's basketball crown will largely be determined this week as the league's two frontrunners arrive in Brougham Pavilion. The Falcons (1-1, 5-6) resume conference play Thursday night (Jan. 8) against Western Oregon (2-0, 8-3), then brace for a visit from No. 2-ranked Humboldt State (2-0, 11-2) Saturday (Jan. 10). To start next week, SPU drives across town to Seattle University Jan. 15.

Turnaround time. If Seattle Pacific can manage to sweep its home games this week, it would go a long way toward validating this squad as a contender for the GNAC title. Picked seventh in the preseason poll, the Falcons caused a stir by beating Alaska Anchorage on the road last month. Since then, their story has been of hard luck, losing four of six nonconference contests, although by a total of just 27 points. SPU is below .500 entering January for only the second time in 12 seasons. Coach **Jeff Hironaka** hopes to reestablish his program's home-court dominance this week, and the first step was a convincing 94-66 thrashing of Saint Martin's in the last outing Dec. 30. Over the last four seasons, Seattle Pacific is 49-5 in home conference games.

A toast to health. If Hironaka's team had been healthy in the first 11 games, it easily could've gone 8-3. Center **Jason Chivers** (Jr., 6-8, Los Angeles, Ca./Highland-L.A. Trade Tech) was hobbled by an ankle injury in the first two weeks and absent with a sprain from last week's 84-82 overtime loss to Alderson-Broaddus. Forward **Dustin Bremerman** (Fr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) also missed the A-B loss, again with a bad ankle, and guard **Jordan Lee** (Jr., 6-2, Tacoma, Wa./Life Christian) was plagued by an ankle injury the first week of the campaign. Together, Chivers, Lee and Bremerman account for 52 percent of the team's points.

Heir Jordan. The most improved player in the league could be Lee, who has increased his scoring by nearly five fold. Despite a slow start, he is the team's top scorer at 17.1 points per game. He has scored more points in his first 11 games (188) than he did in his first two seasons (161). Lee pumped in 38 points last week to make the all-tournament team at the Oak Harbor Freight Lines Holiday Classic. He is shooting 49 percent outside the three-point arc, 51 percent overall and 88 percent at the foul line.

Jason & the double shots. Those days of Chivers being known for his baseball rather than his basketball skills are all but over. Chivers had now posted six straight double doubles, averaging 18.5 points and 13.3 rebounds over that span. He leads the GNAC in rebounding at 11.0 and is No. 2 in blocked shots (1.80). He returned to the lineup against Saint Martin's to score 24 points and haul down 14 rebounds in 31 minutes.

'Jacks' visits far from ho-hum. Humboldt State games have become a hot ticket following a some classic encounters with SPU the past three seasons. The 2001 game went to over time and in '02 a last-second trey gave the Falcons a share of the conference crown. A year ago, the teams played a game for the ages. Actually, it lasted for ages, going four overtimes. Seattle Pacific which trailed by 10 in the second half and seven in the third extra period, beat the then-No. 3 'Jacks 113-108. It was the program's longest game in 29 years and tied for second-longest ever.

2003-04 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2003-04 Record—5-6 (GNAC 1-1)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 2nd year

Coach's Career Record— 21-17 (2nd year)

This Week's Schedule

Thr., Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.

SPU v Western Oregon

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Jan. 10, 7 p.m.

SPU v Humboldt State

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Results

Alderson-Broaddus 84, at SPU 82 (OT)

at SPU 94, Saint Martin's 66

Streaks & Such

Jason Chivers has totaled double figures in both points and rebounds each of the last six games, averaging 18.5 and 13.3 over that span

Stat de jour

Jordan Lee has more than quadrupled his scoring average to 17.1 points this year

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Humboldt State	2	0	11	2
Western Oregon	2	0	8	3
Northwest Nazarene	1	0	6	3
Alaska Anchorage	1	1	11	2
Alaska Fairbanks	1	1	8	3
Western Washington	1	1	7	4
Seattle Pacific	1	1	5	6
Seattle University	0	1	4	6
Saint Martin's	0	2	4	7
Central Washington	0	2	3	8

NCAA Division II Poll

1. Southern Indiana
2. Humboldt State
3. South Dakota State
4. Northwest Missouri

also

24. Washburn

No more welcome mat. In making eight trips to the NCAA Division II tournament from 1994-02, Seattle Pacific proved dominant at home, going 123-11. Since then, the Falcons have become a little too hospitable. They are 13-6 in Brougham Pavilion since Hironaka took over, and it was a home loss at the end of last season which knocked them off the playoff bubble. Thursday's game will be only the fifth home game and the first with students on campus since Nov. 22. To celebrate the reunion of team and fans, 400 squeezable miniballs will be distributed prior to the women's and men's doubleheader Thursday. The miniature basketballs feature the Falcons' logo on one side and the NCAA Basketball trademark on the other.

Put-backs. Like Chivers, Bremerman looked like his old self upon his return vs. Saint Martin's. Bremerman had 13 points, five assists and four steals in 23 minutes...**Ralph Steele** (Jr., 6-2, No. Birmingham, Al./Huffman-Citrus JC) got the start vs. Saint Martin's after scoring a season-high 22 points and sinking five treys in the overtime loss to Alderson-Broaddus. Steele leads the GNAC in foul shooting at 90 percent (27-30)...**Chad Williams** (So., 6-8, Burlington, Wa./Burlington-Edison-Whatcom CC) also got a rare start vs. SMC after scoring 10 vs. A-B...**Jeff Knudson's** (So., 6-7, Mukilteo, Wa./Kamiak) shooting slump may have ended at Christmas. Knudson nailed a game-tying three-pointer in overtime vs. A-B and connected on 8-15 treys in the tournament last week (he was 11-31 in the first nine games). His 19 points vs. Saint Martin's was a career-high and included 5-8 shooting behind the arc...Point guard **Tony Binetti** (So., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) is second in GNAC assists to turnovers ratio (2.84:1) and fifth in assists (5.0) but is shooting just 34 percent from the field...Chivers has converted 54 (49-90) percent from the field in his last seven games. He also made the Oak Harbor all-tourney team, despite playing only one contest...Seattle Pacific leads the conference in free throw accuracy (.778) and rebounding margin (+4.5) but is ninth in turnover margin...Individually, Lee is No. 2 behind Steele in free throw accuracy, No. 3 in three-point shooting and No. 8 in scoring...SPU is 5-1 when shooting better than 45 percent from the field and also 5-1 when out-rebounding foes. In five of the six losses, opponents have shot 48 percent or higher.

Opponent & series notes. Western Oregon's Robert Day (22.0) and Sean Kelly (19.8), both 6-foot-5 seniors, represent the GNAC's top 1-2 scoring punch but the team averages a league-low 75.8. The Wolves, picked third in the conference, are 1-2 on the road this season and trail the series 8-3...Paced by All-America candidates Austin Nichols (22.0 points) and Fred Hooks (15.6, 10.2 rebounds), high-scoring (93.5) Humboldt State has lived up to its preseason billing as not only a favorite to win the GNAC but the national title. Nichols poured in an SPU opponent and HSU school record of 46 points in the Lumberjacks' four-overtime loss at the pavilion last season. HSU trails the series 17-4 and is 0-12 in Seattle, although the last three have been decided by a total of 11 points.

2003-04 Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last Coll.)
1	Jordan Lee√	G	6-2	Jr	2V	Tacoma, Wa. (Life Christian)
2	Ralph Steele√	G	6-2	Jr	TR	No. Birmingham, Al. (Huffman/Citrus JC)
3	Jeff Knudson	F	6-7	So	1V	Mukilteo, Wa (Kamiak)
4	Jordan Beede	G	6-1	Fr	RS	Bellingham, Wa. (Squalicum)
11	Tony Binetti	G	6-1	So	1V	Enumclaw, Wa. (Enumclaw)
13	Mike Bushmaker	F	6-7	So	1V	Yakima, Wa (Eisenhower)
15	Ryan DeLong	G	5-11	Fr	HS	Milton, Wa. (Fife)
20	Austin Yuen	G	5-8	Fr	HS	Mercer Island, Wa. (Mercer Island)
22	Chad Williams√	F	6-8	So	TR	Burlington, Wa. (Bu.-Edison/Whatcom CC)
23	Tim Gabelein	F	6-6	Fr	RS	Langley, Wa. (South Whidbey)
30	Drew Matzen	F	6-4	Fr	HS	Bothell, Wa. (Lynnwood)
34	Jason Chivers√	C	6-8	Jr	1V	Los Angeles, Ca. (Highland/LA Trade)
32	Dustin Bremerman√	F	6-4	Fr	RS	Yakima, Wa. (Eisenhower)
40	Rob Peterson	F	6-7	Fr	HS	Seattle, Wa. (Seattle Christian)
50	Chris Cohen	C	6-8	Sr	3V	Saint Helens, Or. (Saint Helens)

Head Coach: Jeff Hironaka

Assistant Coaches: Ben Scheffler, Scott Reid, George Parker

Graduate Assistant: Dan Barfoot

Student Assistant: Maurice Cato

√ Probable starters

2003-04 Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Res./Time
Nov. 6	NW SPORTS (exhib.)	W, 108-106
Nov. 15	BLUE ANGELS (exhib.)	W, 95-88
Nov. 21-22	WILCOX FARMS TIP-OFF CLASSIC	
Nov. 21	SPU v SAINT LEO	W, 78-51
Nov. 22	SPU v SW BAPTIST	L, 60-65
Nov. 28-29	Mac Martin Classic (at Chico, Ca.)	
Nov. 28	at Chico State	L, 91-93
Nov. 29	Colorado School/Mines	W, 81-76
Dec. 4	at Alaska Anchorage*	ot W, 89-83
Dec. 6	at Alaska Fairbanks*	L, 76-81
Dec. 16	at UC San Diego	W, 80-67
Dec. 19-20	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 19	Cal State San Bernardino	L, 93-101
Dec. 20	Washburn	L, 69-81
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHTLINES CL.	
Dec. 29	ALDERSON-BROADDUS ot L,	82-84
Dec. 30	SAINT MARTIN'S	W, 94-66
Jan. 8	WESTERN OREGON*	7:30
Jan. 10	HUMBOLDT STATE*	7:00
Jan. 15	at Seattle University*	7:00
Jan. 17	at Northwest Nazarene*	6:00
Jan. 22	CENTRAL WASHINGTON*	7:30
Jan. 24	SAINT MARTIN'S*	3:30
Jan. 31	at Western Washington*	7:00
Feb. 5	at Humboldt State*	7:00
Feb. 7	at Western Oregon*	7:00
Feb. 12	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	7:30
Feb. 14	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*	7:00
Feb. 19	at Saint Martin's*	7:00
Feb. 21	at Central Washington*	7:00
Feb. 28	WESTERN WASHINGTON*	7:00
Mar. 4	ALASKA FAIRBANKS*	7:00
Mar. 6	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*	7:00

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2003-04 Season Leaders

Scoring

Jordan Lee	17.1
Jason Chivers	14.2
Dustin Bremerman	12.7
Ralph Steele	9.2

Rebounds

Jason Chivers	11.0
Dustin Bremerman	5.1

Assists

Tony Binetti	4.9
Jordan Lee	2.5

Steals

Tony Binetti	1.73
Jason Chivers	0.90

Blocked Shots

Jason Chivers	1.80
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Field Goal Percentage

Jordan Lee	.520
Dustin Bremerman	.511

Three Point Percentage

Jordan Lee	(30-61) .492
Dustin Bremerman	(19-45) .422

Free Throw Percentage

Ralph Steele	(27-30) .900
Jordan Lee	(28-32) .875

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	81.2	37.5	.452	.778	.390
Opp.	77.1	33.0	.476	.729	.356

Seattle Pacific University
2003-04 Men's Basketball Statistics
Record: 5-6/ 1-1 GNAC

Date	Opponent	Score	Site	Attend	Rec.	Leading Scorer	Leading Rebounder
11/21	Saint Leo	W 78- 51	H Seattle, Wa.	725	1- 0	16- Ralph Steele	13- Jason Chivers
11/22	Southwest Baptist	60- 65 L	H Seattle, Wa.	725	1- 1	12- Mike Bushmaker	6-B'maker/Chivers
11/28	Chico State	91- 93 L	A Chico, Ca.	729	1- 2	23- Jordan Lee	7- Cohen/Chivers
11/29	Colo. School/Mines	W 81- 76	N Chico, Ca.	178	2- 2	19- Jordan Lee	6- Binetti/Bre'man
12/ 4 *	Alaska Anchorage	W 89- 83 OT	A Anchorage, Ak.	1066	3- 2	29- Jordan Lee	11- Jason Chivers
12/ 6 *	Alaska Fairbanks	76- 81 L	A Fairbanks, Ak.	822	3- 3	21- Jordan Lee	14- Jason Chivers
12/16	UC San Diego	W 80- 67	A La Jolla, Ca.	145	4- 3	20- Dustin Bremerman	18- Jason Chivers
12/19	CS San Bernardino	93-101 L	N Las Vegas, Nv.	87	4- 4	26- Jason Chivers	13- Jason Chivers
12/20	Washburn	69- 81 L	N Las Vegas, Nv.	250	4- 5	18- Chivers/Lee	10- Jason Chivers
12/29	Alderson-Broadus	82- 84 L OT	H Seattle, Wa.	485	4- 6	22- Lee/Steele	5- Lee/Williams
12/30	Saint Martin's	W 94- 66	H Seattle, Wa.	350	5- 6	23- Jason Chivers	14- Jason Chivers

* - GNAC Game

— All FG — — 3 Pt FG — — FT — — Rebounds —

	GP-GS	M-	A	Pct	M-	A	Pct	M-	A	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	A	TO	BLK	STL	PF-D	Min-	Avg	Pts	Avg
Seattle Pacific	6- 1	0-	1	0.0	0-	1	0.0	2-	21	0.0	0	2	2	0.3	3	4	0	1	5-0	20-	3.3	2	0.3
Jordan Beede	6- 1	0-	1	0.0	0-	1	0.0	2-	21	0.0	0	2	2	0.3	3	4	0	1	5-0	20-	3.3	2	0.3
Tony Binetti	11-10	29-	86	33.7	8-	36	22.2	21-	28	75.0	11	26	37	3.4	54	19	4	19	27-0	336-	30.5	87	7.9
Dustin Bremerman	10- 8	46-	90	51.1	19-	45	42.2	16-	20	80.0	21	30	51	5.1	21	17	4	7	22-0	258-	25.8	127	12.7
Mike Bushmaker	11- 9	19-	38	50.0	0-	0	0.0	13-	20	65.0	16	26	42	3.8	20	21	1	6	21-0	206-	18.7	51	4.6
Jason Chivers	10-10	57-	119	47.9	2-	9	22.2	26-	37	70.3	36	74	110	11.0	17	25	18	9	32-2	289-	28.9	142	14.2
Chris Cohen	11- 1	19-	38	50.0	0-	0	0.0	17-	21	81.0	12	20	32	2.9	2	13	0	2	32-0	137-	12.5	55	5.0
Tim Gabelein	3- 0	0-	0	0.0	0-	0	0.0	0-	0	0.0	0	2	2	0.7	0	2	0	0	3-0	9-	3.0	0	0.0
Jeff Knudson	11- 3	27-	59	45.8	19-	46	41.3	12-	16	75.0	9	16	25	2.3	13	9	0	5	15-1	203-	18.5	85	7.7
Jordan Lee	11- 9	65-	125	52.0	30-	61	49.2	28-	32	87.5	5	22	27	2.5	27	24	0	6	20-1	330-	30.0	188	17.1
Drew Matzen	8- 0	3-	7	42.9	1-	2	50.0	0-	0	0.0	2	4	6	0.8	4	4	1	0	0-0	44-	5.5	7	0.9
Ralph Steele	11- 3	32-	91	35.2	10-	29	34.5	27-	30	90.0	5	14	19	1.7	11	17	0	3	14-0	218-	19.8	101	9.2
Chad Williams	11- 1	16-	38	42.1	10-	25	40.0	6-	10	60.0	11	20	31	2.8	17	8	2	5	21-1	195-	17.7	48	4.4
Austin Yuen	2- 0	0-	1	0.0	0-	0	0.0	0-	0	0.0	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0-0	5-	2.5	0	0.0
Team											17	10	27		1								0
Seattle Pacific	11-11	313-	693	45.2	99-	254	39.0	168-	216	77.8	146	266	412	37.5	189	164	30	63	212- 5			893	81.2
Opponents	11-11	309-	652	47.4	74-	208	35.6	156-	214	72.9	107	256	363	33.0	180	160	27	80	208- 4			848	77.1

— First Half — — Second Half — — Game —

All FG	150-	341	44.0%	163-	352	46.3%	313-	693	45.2%
3 Pt FG	51-	137	37.2%	48-	117	41.0%	99-	254	39.0%
FT	58-	83	69.9%	110-	133	82.7%	168-	216	77.8%

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 27, Opponents 27
Opponent Team Rebounds: 22 — (Offense: 10 Defense: 12)
Technical Fouls: Seattle Pacific 0; ; Opponents 1